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1. SINCE RUENITZ IS GOING TO JAPAN (ETA DEC. 18) FOR OVER-ALL PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SYMPOSIUM, JAPANESE STUDIES MISSION TO U.S., AND OTHER NON-CULCON RELATED MATTERS, HE WILL BE ABLE GIVE MATSUMURA DETAILED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN TOKYO REFTEL. HE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY HELPING SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH MATSUMURA ON EITHER FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 20 OR MONDAY MORNING DECEMBER 22. PLS LEAVE MESSAGE FOR HIM AT OKURA HOTEL.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, RUENITZ OFFERS FOLLOWING REPLIES TO QUERIES RAISED IN REFTEL:

ACCORDING TO PARA TWO IN SECTION UNDER WORKING GROUPS (STATE REFTEL), EACH WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET "AT LEAST ONCE, AND PERHAPS MORE OFTEN....". THE INTENT HERE IS THAT EACH OF THE FOUR GROUPS IN THE U.S. WOULD MEET IN THE U.S. ON AS MANY OCCASIONS AS IT FELT WAS NECESSARY; THE SAME UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD APPLY TO THE JAPANESE COUNTERPART WORKING GROUPS.

THERE WOULD BE NO BINATIONAL MEETING A LA INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE CULCON MEETING IN HAWAII.

ON THE MODERATORS: THE MODERATOR FOR EACH WORKING GROUP WOULD NOT BE SELECTED FROM AMONG MEMBERS IN THE WORKING GROUPS BUT WOULD BE SOMEONE WITH "GREATER SENIORITY" THAN THE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS, WHO WOULD REPRESENT THE "UNDER

40 GENERATION", IF POSSIBLE. AND THOUGH FOUR MEMBERS PER WORKING GROUP WOULD PROBABLY BE THE OPTIMUM NUMBER, THERE COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ONE OR TWO MORE MEMBERS IN ANY ONE GROUP IN EITHER COUNTRY, SHOULD THE NEED BE FELT.

MATSUMURA IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT EACH OF THE EIGHT MODERATORS (ONE PER WORKING GROUP) WOULD PRESENT SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO SYMPOSIUM.

ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE WORKING GROUPS: FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEYWORD HERE. WORKING GROUPS COULD USE A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING A SIMPLE PAPER CONSOLIDATING THE GROUP'S CONCEPTS; A PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF THINK-PIECES; A TAPE CASSETTE OR EVEN VIDEOTAPE OF MEETINGS (THOUGH THE LANGUAGE PROBLEM MIGHT MAKE THESE TECHNIQUES LESS DEPENDABLE); OR EVEN TRANSOCEANIC PHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE MODERATORS INVOLVED.

JAPAN SOCIETY PLANNING TO INVITE 50-75 INDIVIDUALS AS AUDIENCE MEMBERS. ACTUAL NUMBER AT EACH SESSION WOULD DEPEND ON INTEREST OF INVITEES IN PARTICULAR TOPIC UNDER DISCUSSION. FOR "DISTINGUISHED FIGURES WHO WOULD ACT AS DISCUSSANTS", TWO PERSONS PER TOPIC -- ONE AMERICAN, ONE JAPANESE -- FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED.

ON MATTER OF PHASE FOUR IN TIMETABLE: THIS MORNING SESSION WOULD OFFER NOT A WRAP-UP SO MUCH AS A LINKAGE BETWEEN SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSIONS OVER PREVIOUS TWO-DAY PERIOD AND THE ENSUING OPERATIONAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, WHERE CULCON PANEL WOULD DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES OR UNDERTAKINGS IN THE LIGHT OF SYMPOSIUM.
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SINCE EDUCATION AND MEDIA FIELDS ENCOMPASS WIDE AREA OF CULCON ACTIVITY INVOLVING SUBCOMMITTEES ON LIBRARY EXCHANGE, AMERICAN AND JAPANESE STUDIES, EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, AND MEDIA COOPERATION, IT WAS FELT THAT THESE TWO POINTS OF FOCUS WOULD BE MORE THAN AMPLE FOR THE LIMITED TIME IN WHICH THE TWO (OR POSSIBLY THREE) AUTHORITIES WOULD PRESENT THEIR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT CONCRETE STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO

MEET THE CHALLENGES RAISED AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

RUENITZ WILL TAKE UP MATTER OF SYMPOSIUM SITE ARRANGEMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CHAIRMEN AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR JAPANESE WHEN HE MEETS WITH MATSUMURA. INGERSOLL

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